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1. Although no curfew is imposed upon the civilian population in North Korea, after midnight all pedestrians are stopped and checked by the police, who ask why they are out. Since wine shops and restaurants close at 11 p.m., few civilians are out after midnight. If a person has a good excuse, his documents are generally not checked. The most common excuse given is that the person is going to a funeral or memorial ceremony for a member of his family. These ceremonies usually begin about 2 a.m. If an individual does not have a valid excuse, he is taken to the police station where he is carefully questioned and his documents checked. In Kyongsong (N 41-40, E 129-40) (EB5513) the police who patrol at night usually wear civilian clothes.
2. A list of the residents in each pan is kept by the pan chief. When anyone has an overnight guest, he is supposed to record the guest's name on the list, and each night the pan chief takes the list to the nearest police station for checking. Having an overnight guest in Kyongsong is a normal occurrence. House-to-house checks by either the police or the pan chief are very rare, and the pan chief usually does not care whether a guest is registered, provided he visits only a short time and attracts no attention.
3. In hotels each guest must record in the registration book his name, destination, purpose of travel, home address, date of departure, and age. The hotel owner usually asks for the guest's citizenship card as proof of his identity. The registration book is taken to the local police station each night for checking. Hotels are frequently checked by the police who usually confine themselves to comparing the number of people with the number of guests registered.

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4. The area known as Wonsudae (KB574093) is a restricted beach area guarded by North Korean Army soldiers.

Although there are no warning signs in the area, most of the people know that it is restricted and that anyone who tries to walk on the beach at night will be stopped by one of the soldiers.

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1. Comment. It is reported that Ch'ongjin is patrolled at night by both civil police and a military security force in civilian clothes.

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